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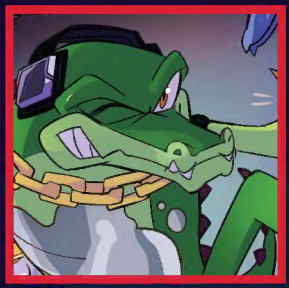
STORY SO FAR

Not so long ago, Dr. Eggman went missing. After plenty of searching, Sonic the Hedgehog and his friends found the doctor, living a new life, with a new name, and no memory of his past. They left him to his peaceful existence to deal with another threat, having no idea that they weren't the only ones searching for him.

Dr. Starline, Dr. Eggman's would-be apprentice, found him and restored him to his evil self. And together they unleashed something disastrous. Dr. Eggman's Metal Virus is capable of infecting living organic matter and turning it into zombie-like robots (Zombots) that can infect others and that respond only to his command. Countless victims have been infected, including Sonic himself, and many of his allies.

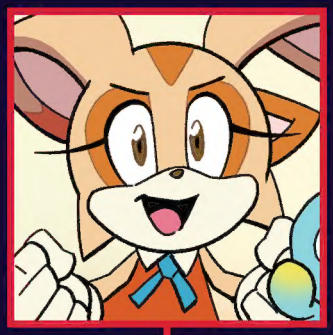
The zombots have ousted the Restoration from their Headquarters. They have brought down the facilities Tails would need to manufacture a cure. The virus has evolved so they no longer respond to Dr. Eggman's commands. With Tangle the Lemur and her hometown of Spiral Hill Village having fallen, there is no where left to hide. Sonic, what's left of the Restoration forces, and as many uninfected as they can carry are retreating to Angel Island in hopes of a last refuge.

And Dr. Starline has developed a plan to control the zombots. But he'll need Sonic and Dr. Eggman's old enemies, the Deadly Six, to do it…



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.

MILES "TAILS" PROWER
Tech-savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



CREAM THE RABBIT
Gentle Heroine.
Still in shock.

ESPIO THE CHAMELEON
Ninja and Only Detective.
Chaotix Detective Agency.

WHISPER THE WOLF
Silent Sniper.
Variable-wispon master.

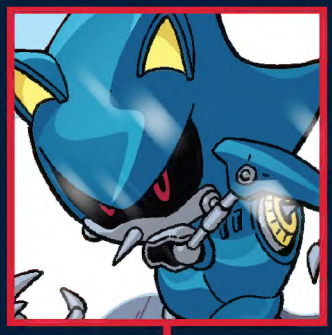
AMY ROSE
Hammer-swinging Heroine.
Restoration Organizer.

GEMERL
Reformed Robot.
Cream's protector.

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
Guardian of the Master Emerald.
Angel Island's protector.

DR. EGGMAN
Mad Genius.
Eggman Empire.

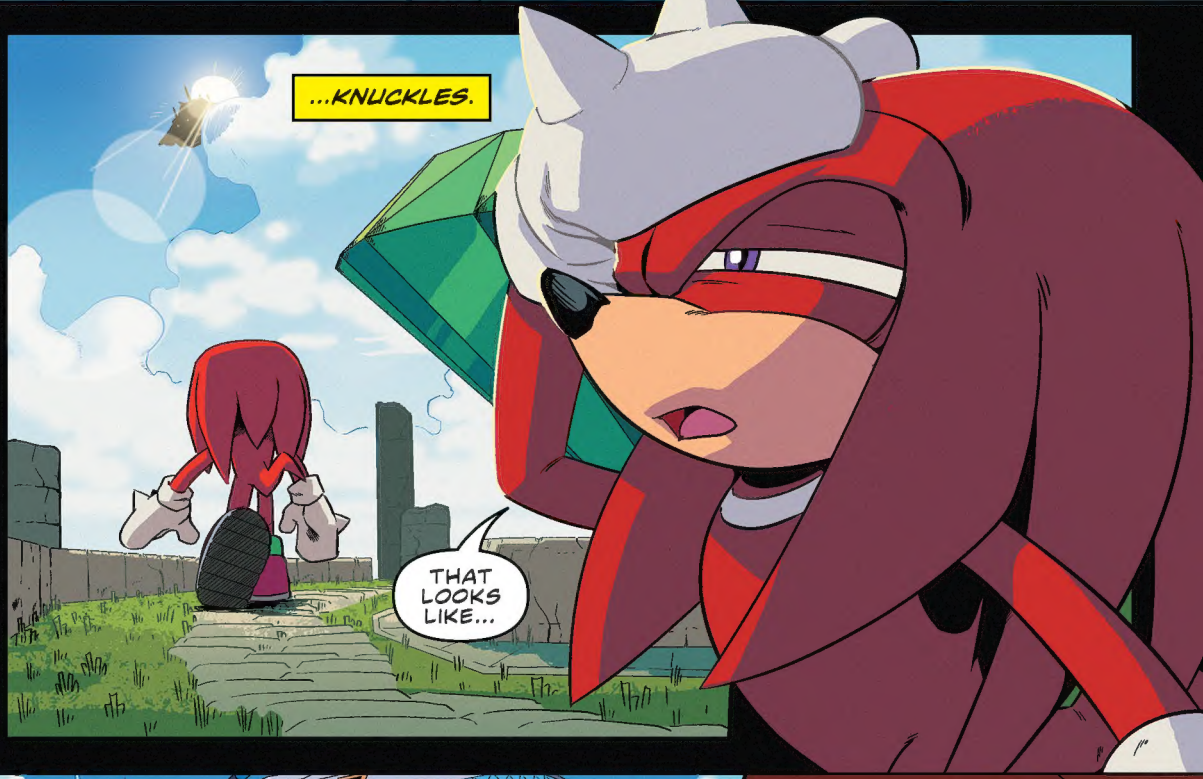
DR. STARLINE
Aspiring Villain.
Eggman Empire.



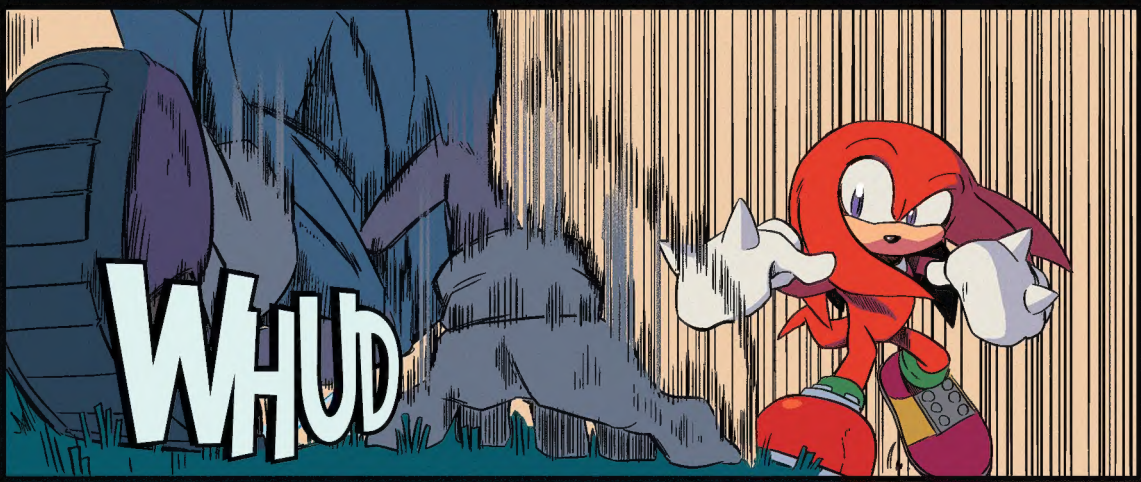
METAL SONIC
Loyal Minion.
Eggman Empire.

DEADLY SIX
Other-worldy Adversaries.
Zavok, Zor, Zeena, Zomom, Zazz, and Master Zik.

ANGEL ISLAND.
A FLYING PARADISE HIDDEN IN THE CLOUDS, KEPT ALOFT BY THE POWER OF THE MASTER EMERALD.
ITS LOCATION IS SECRET TO ALL BUT A SELECT FEW, INCLUDING ITS SOLE RESIDENT...


...KNUCKLES.
THAT LOOKS LIKE...

...A RESTORATION SHUTTLE?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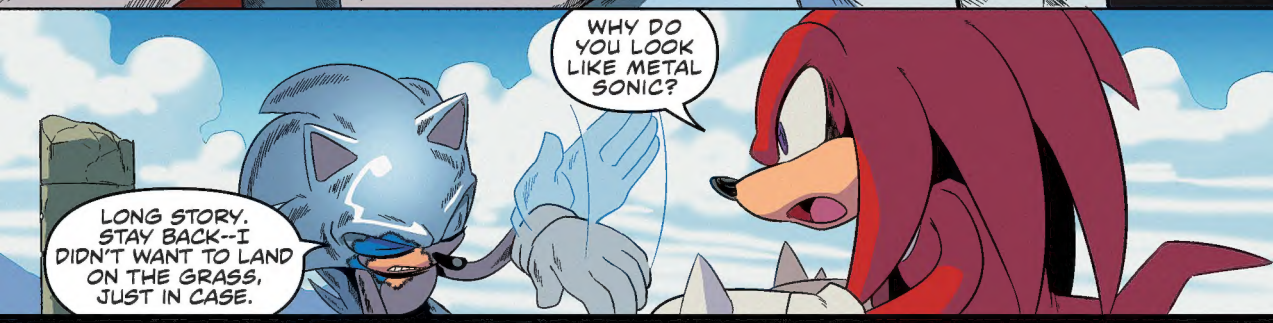
SONIC?!
HEY KNUX.


WHY DO YOU LOOK LIKE METAL SONIC?
LONG STORY. STAY BACK--I DIDN'T WANT TO LAND ON THE GRASS, JUST IN CASE.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY GRASS?!
NOTHING. JUST... LOOK, AMY AND TAILS WILL EXPLAIN.
I GOTTA GET BACK UP TO SPEED.

THEY BETTER! I WANT ANSWERS!
WHOSH

EVEN THOUGH I GET THE FEELING I WON'T LIKE THEM...

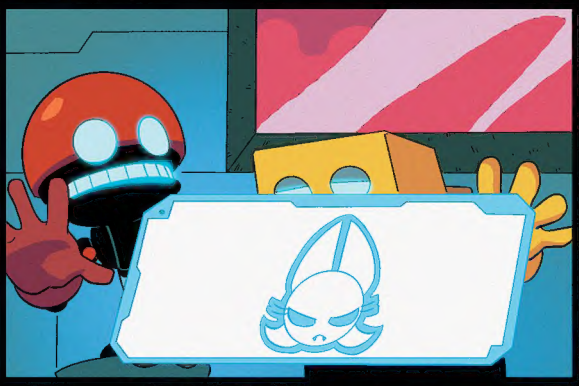
MEANWHILE--ABOARD EGGMAN'S FLAGSHIP, THE FACESHIP...
STARLINE! YOU TRAITOR!
NOT AT ALL, SIR. I BROUGHT THE DEADLY SIX HERE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM YOU COULD NOT.
I'LL DEAL WITH YOU LATER! METAL SONIC! DESTROY FOR DADDY!

TSK TSK
HONESTLY, DOCTOR. YOU KNOW WE CAN CONTROL YOUR ROBOTS. AND YET YOU SEND ONE TO ATTACK?
PRECISELY WHY I BROUGHT YOU HERE.
YOU SIX WILL KEEP THE ZOMBOTS UNDER CONTROL WHILE EGGMAN RESEARCHES A BETTER WAY TO CONTAIN THE METAL VIRUS.
YOU SEE, DOCTOR? I AM MAKING UP FOR YOUR LACK OF FORESIGHT WITH...
...EXCUSE ME.
BWOOOOW

HUFF BACK IN LINE HUFF BEAST...

THOK

WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT A "LACK OF FORESIGHT?"

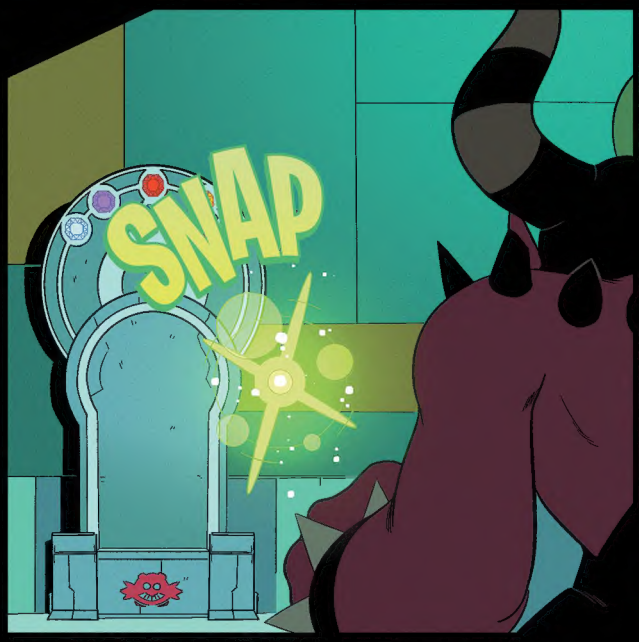


BUT... THE CONCH...
IT ONLY WORKS AS LONG AS YOUR LUNGS LAST, IDIOT!

THEN WE'LL REMOVE THOSE FIRST.

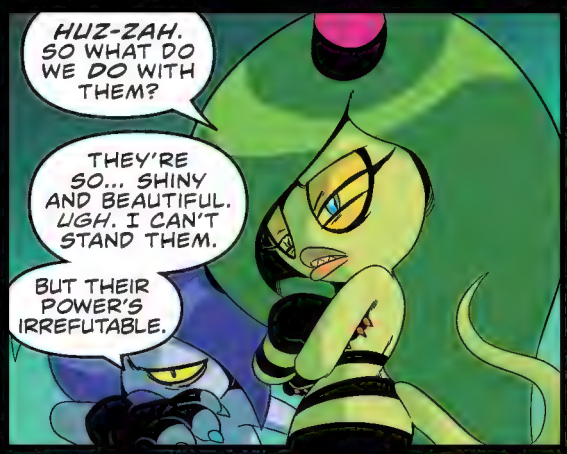
NOW THEN, HOW DID YOU PUT IT? AH, YES...
METAL SONIC. DESTROY FOR DADDY.

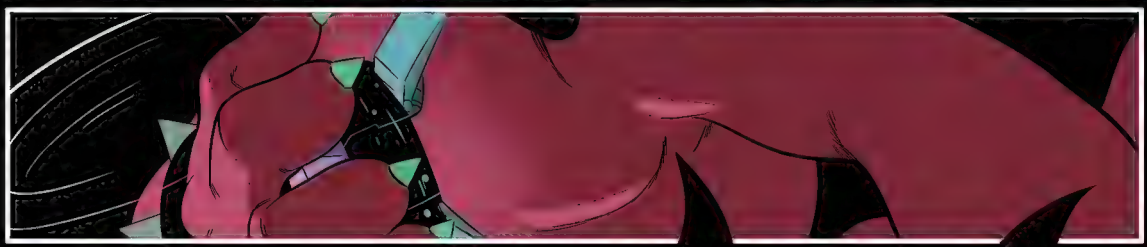
AAAHH!


SNAP

RRRAAUUGH! WE HAD HIM! HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO RIP HIM TO SHREDS NOW?!
HMM...
WE SHIFT OUR PRIORITIES...

WE'VE LOST EGGMAN, BUT WE GAINED HIS FLYING FORTRESS.
WE TOOK HIS MEANS TO CREATE THE METAL VIRUS. AND PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL...
...WE HAVE THE FABLED CHAOS EMERALDS!

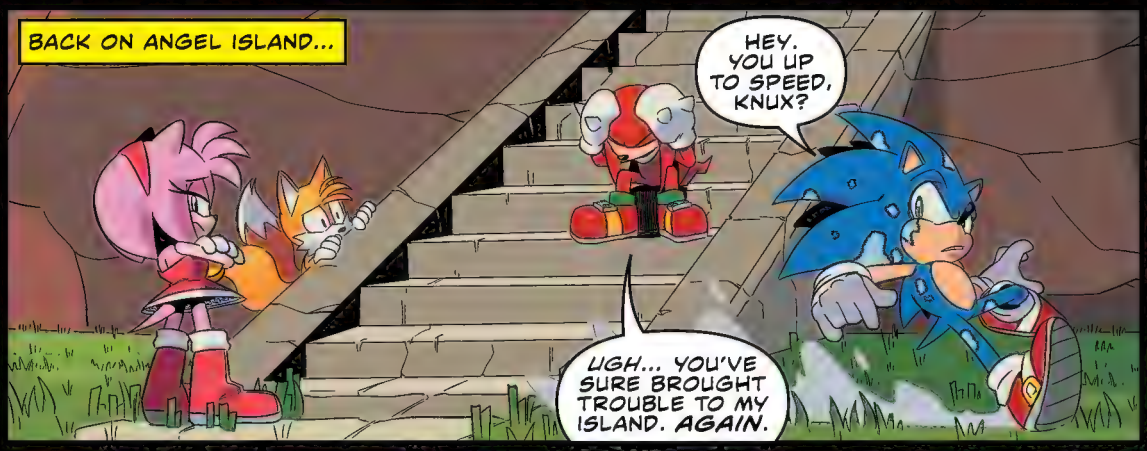

HUZ-ZAH. SO WHAT DO WE DO WITH THEM?
THEY'RE SO... SHINY AND BEAUTIFUL. UGH. I CAN'T STAND THEM.
BUT THEIR POWER'S IRREFUTABLE.



RRRAAUGH!
LIKE ALL THINGS, WE TAKE THEIR POWER AS OUR OWN.

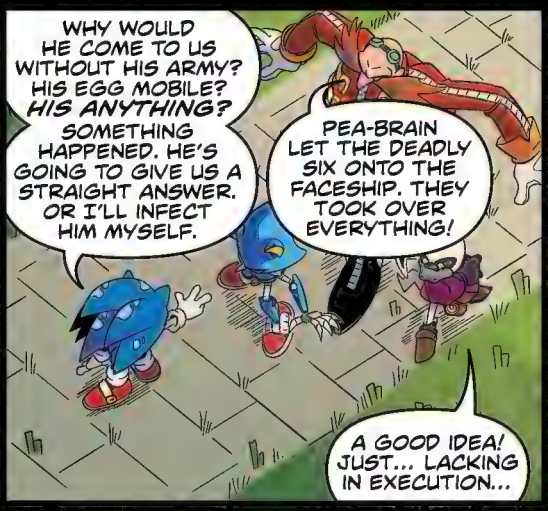
BRAVO! A-PLUS PLAN, NEW BOSS!
WHAT ARE YOU *DOING?!*
SAVING OUR SERVOS, DUMMY! PLAY ALONG SO HE DOESN'T TAKE CONTROL OF US!
OH! I GET IT! WE'RE ONLY *PRETENDING* TO LIKE HIS EVIL, CRAZY PLAN!
PRECISELY! JUST ACT LIKE HE'S EGGMAN WHEN HE'S IN ONE OF HIS MOODS.
SO... LIKE MOST DAYS?
YOU WOULD SERVE ME FREELY?
OF COURSE, NEW BOSS. WE REALLY ARE QUITE SPINELESS, BOTH LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY.
HA! THEN TAKE US TOWARDS THE LARGEST KNOWN POCKETS OF SURVIVORS.
AS YOU COMMAND. I'LL BE SURE TO LOG YOUR ORDERS SO YOU'RE ALL *WELL-COORDINATED,* TOO.

VERY WELL THEN. LET'S BEGIN.
ALONE, EACH OF US COULD COMMAND A FEW DOZEN ZOMBOTS AT MOST.
EMPOWERED BY THE EMERALDS, WE'LL COMMAND THOUSANDS.
"STARLINE HAD THE RIGHT OF IT. WE WILL COMMAND THE ZOMBOT HORDE.
"INSTEAD OF RANDOM, SHAMBLING MASSES, WE WILL ORCHESTRATE TIDES OF TERROR ACROSS THE WORLD.
"WE WILL BRING TOTAL, UTTER DEVASTATION TO THE WORLD EGGMAN AND SONIC HAVE FOUGHT OVER FOR SO LONG."
ONCE EVERY LIVING THING HAS BEEN INFECTED, AND NEITHER EGGMAN NOR SONIC HAS ANYWHERE LEFT TO RUN, THEN WE WILL GIVE THEM THE MERCY OF A SLOW END...
...BY THE CORRUPTED MASSES THEY SOUGHT TO CONQUER OR PROTECT!


BACK ON ANGEL ISLAND...
HEY. YOU UP TO SPEED, KNUX?
UGH... YOU'VE SURE BROUGHT TROUBLE TO MY ISLAND. AGAIN.

OH, THANK HEAVENS! WE'RE OUT OF RANGE OF ZAVOK'S CONTROL!
AND IN EVEN WORSE TROUBLE.

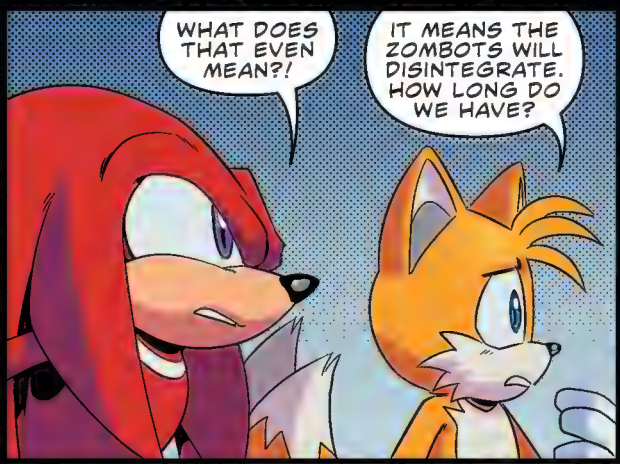
HOLD ON, AMY.
WHAT?! SONIC, AFTER ALL HE'S DONE, YOU CAN'T--!
EGGMAN HAS HAD EVERY ADVANTAGE.


WHY WOULD HE COME TO US WITHOUT HIS ARMY? HIS EGG MOBILE? HIS ANYTHING?
SOMETHING HAPPENED. HE'S GOING TO GIVE US A STRAIGHT ANSWER. OR I'LL INFECT HIM MYSELF.
PEA-BRAIN LET THE DEADLY SIX ONTO THE FACESHIP. THEY TOOK OVER EVERYTHING!
A GOOD IDEA! JUST... LACKING IN EXECUTION...

WHY SHOULD WE TRUST A SINGLE WORD EITHER OF YOU SAY?
EVERYONE! I JUST GOT WORD FROM ROUGE! HURRY!

SOON...
GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU, ROUGE!
EGGMAN, STARLINE, AND METAL SONIC JUST APPEARED ON ANGEL ISLAND.
AH, FIGURES.
TURNS OUT EGGMAN WAS POWERING HIS SHIP WITH ALL SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS. ZAVOK HAS DISTRIBUTED THEM TO THE REST OF THE DEADLY SIX AND SENT THEM OUT INTO THE WORLD.
WITH THAT KIND OF POWER, THE WORLD IS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE.
EXACTLY HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ON MY SHIP?
A FEW DAYS. I ALMOST HAD A PLAN TO STEAL THE EMERALDS WHEN THE DEADLY SIX ARRIVED.
NOW I'M COORDINATING WITH ORBOT TO SPY ON THEIR DEPLOYMENTS AND COORDINATE OUR COUNTER-ATTACK.
SIGH: I CAN'T HIRE GOOD HELP, BUT I SURE CAN BUILD IT.
YOU DON'T GET TO GLOAT! TELL US HOW TO CURE THE METAL VIRUS RIGHT NOW!
YOU CAN'T!
YES, YOU CAN! I HAD A CURE BUT LOST MY RESEARCH!
FINE! I DON'T HAVE ONE! I DON'T NEED IT!

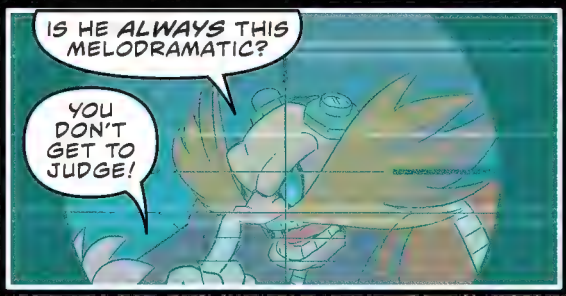
MY RESEARCH FOUND THAT AS THE METAL VIRUS MUTATES, IT BECOMES UNSUSTAINABLE.
ANY INFECTED HETEROTROPHIC EUKARYOTE CELLS WILL EVENTUALLY SUFFER A FORM OF APOPTOSIS. AUTOTROPHIC CELLS WILL ENDURE SLIGHTLY LONGER, BUT NOT BY MUCH.

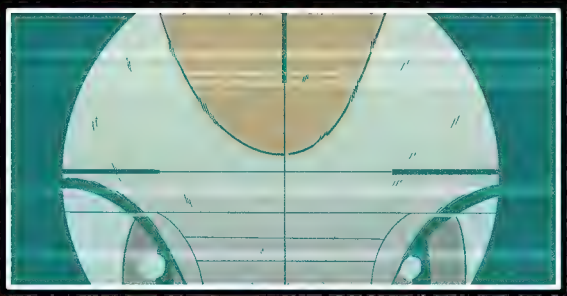

WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?!
IT MEANS THE ZOMBOTS WILL DISINTEGRATE. HOW LONG DO WE HAVE?

EH, TWO HUNDRED YEARS, GIVE OR TAKE. I'LL HAVE EVACUATED TO A DIFFERENT PLANET WELL BEFORE THEN.
HE'S RIGHT.

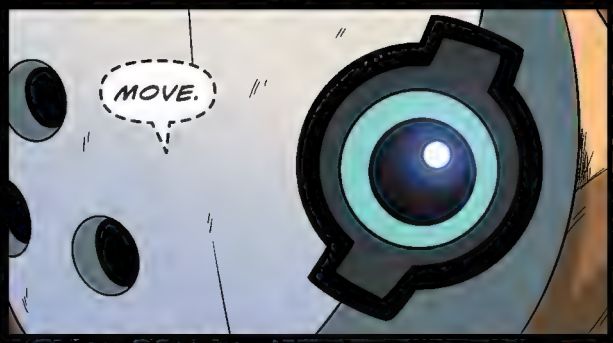
IN MY TIME, ALL THAT WAS LEFT WERE RUINS AND METALLIC PLANTS. THE FUTURE I CAME TO STOP IS ALREADY COMING TO PASS!
BECAUSE OF THIS MONSTER!

SILVER! YOU'RE HURT! WHERE IS EVERYONE FROM ICE PARADISE?
THE SHUTTLE WENT DOWN TO ZOMBOTS. I... I COULDN'T SAVE ANYONE.
IS MY TIME DOOMED BECAUSE OF MY FAILURES HERE?


IS HE ALWAYS THIS MELODRAMATIC?
YOU DON'T GET TO JUDGE!



PLEASE DON'T, MISS WHISPER.
AGREED. EGGMAN IS MINE TO DESTROY.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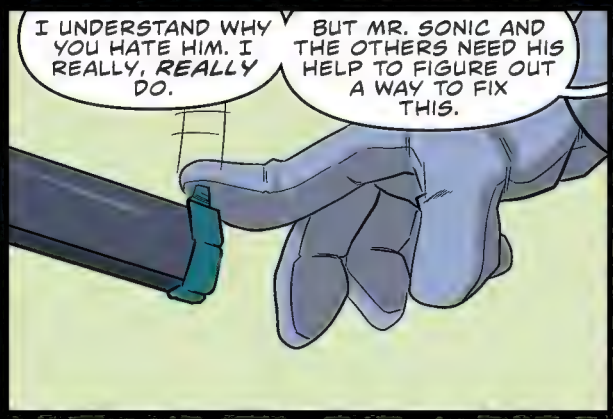

I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU HATE HIM. I REALLY, REALLY DO.
BUT MR. SONIC AND THE OTHERS NEED HIS HELP TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO FIX THIS.

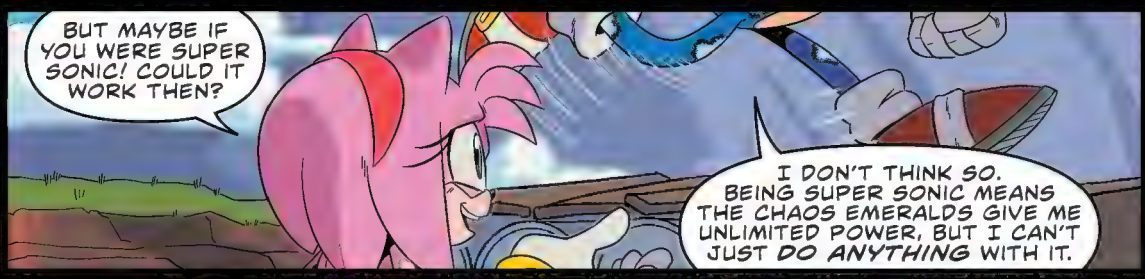
I... I WANT TO SEE MY MOTHER AGAIN. AND CREAM, AND CHOCOLA, AND EVERYONE ELSE.
I KNOW I'M ASKING A LOT. BUT I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO HAVE THEM BACK. AREN'T THEY WORTH IT?

THANK YOU.
WE'LL STAY WITH YOU SO YOU WON'T BE LONELY.
I AM NOT LONELY. I AM *ENRAGED*.

SOON...
OKAY, SO WE DON'T HAVE A WAY TO MAKE A CURE. THINK, PEOPLE. BECAUSE I'M RUNNING ON FUMES HERE.

LET'S TACKLE THE ISSUE IN MANAGEABLE PORTIONS. PERHAPS THE MASTER EMERALD COULD NEUTRALIZE THE DEADLY SIX?
NO, WE CAN'T MOVE IT WITHOUT RISKING THE WHOLE ISLAND, AND WE CERTAINLY CAN'T LURE THEM HERE. IT'S TOO MUCH OF A GAMBLE.
AND YOU'RE NOT TOUCHING IT.

PERHAPS CHAOS CONTROL, THEN?
SHADOW WAS MUCH BETTER AT IT THAN ME. AND IT ONLY MOVES A TARGET OVER A LIMITED RANGE. IT CAN'T CHANGE THINGS.

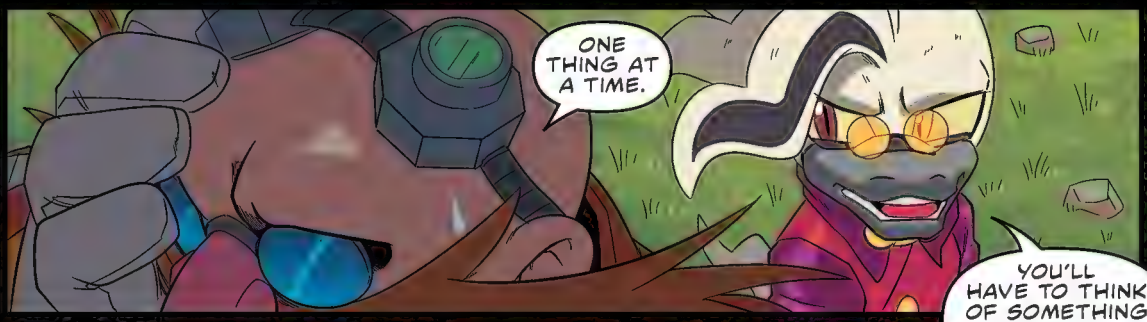

BUT MAYBE IF YOU WERE SUPER SONIC! COULD IT WORK THEN?
I DON'T THINK SO. BEING SUPER SONIC MEANS THE CHAOS EMERALDS GIVE ME UNLIMITED POWER, BUT I CAN'T JUST DO ANYTHING WITH IT.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE SCATTERED TO THE WINDS WITH THE DEADLY SIX?
ONE THING AT A TIME. I DON'T HEAR YOU COMING UP WITH ANY BRIGHT IDEAS.

I WANTED YOU ALL TO EXHAUST YOURSELVES OF YOUR BAD IDEAS FIRST.
IT'S SIMPLE-- WE'LL USE THE WARP TOPAZ!

STARLINE TOLD ME HIMSELF THAT IT CAN CAUSE MASSIVE CHANGES WITH JUST A LITTLE CHARGE!
PUMP THE POWER OF SUPER SONIC THROUGH IT, AND HE CAN WARP THE VIRUS AWAY IN ONE FELL SWOOP!

DID YOU FORGET THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE "SCATTERED TO THE WINDS" WITH THE DEADLY SIX?


ONE THING AT A TIME.
YOU'LL HAVE TO THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE, BECAUSE I WON'T ALLOW IT!

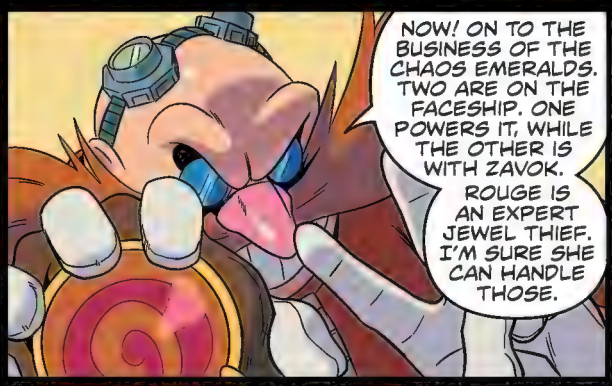
YOU TALK AS IF YOU HAVE A SAY IN THE MATTER.
AS THE ONLY EXPERT ON THE WARP TOPAZ, I MOST CERTAINLY DO! WHAT YOU'RE PROPOSING IS EXCEEDINGLY RECKLESS!

CREATING AND DIRECTING MY WARP PORTALS IS DIFFICULT! THE COMPONENTS OF MY GLOVE WERE BUILT AFTER COUNTLESS HOURS OF CAREFUL TESTING!
SUPER SONIC USING THE WARP TOPAZ RECKLESSLY COULD UNDO THE METAL VIRUS--OR IT COULD WARP SPACE-TIME SO BADLY THE ENTIRE PLANET COLLAPSES!
WE HAVE A SAFE HAVEN HERE! WE HAVE RESOURCES! WE CAN PUT IN THE WORK AND FIND A SAFE, RESPONSIBLE WAY TO REGAIN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION!
THE RODENT IS LIVING ON BORROWED TIME! THIS PLACE WON'T BE SAFE FOR MUCH LONGER!
WE CAN STILL WIN!
AND I'LL TAKE ANY RISK TO ENSURE THOSE BLASTED ZETI DON'T USE MY OWN GENIUS AGAINST ME! WE DON'T HAVE ANY BETTER OPTION!
WE'RE ENDING THIS!
NO.
I'LL FIGURE OUT A WAY TO FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED. YOU CAN THANK ME LATER.

THANK YOU, METAL.

STARLINE? YOU'RE FIRED.

ARE WE OKAY WITH THIS...?
THE GUY BROUGHT EGGMAN BACK TO HIS OLD SELF AND TRIED TO BLOW ME AND SILVER UP.
YEAH. WE'RE OKAY WITH THIS.


NOW! ON TO THE BUSINESS OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS. TWO ARE ON THE FACESHIP. ONE POWERS IT, WHILE THE OTHER IS WITH ZAVOK.
ROUGE IS AN EXPERT JEWEL THIEF. I'M SURE SHE CAN HANDLE THOSE.

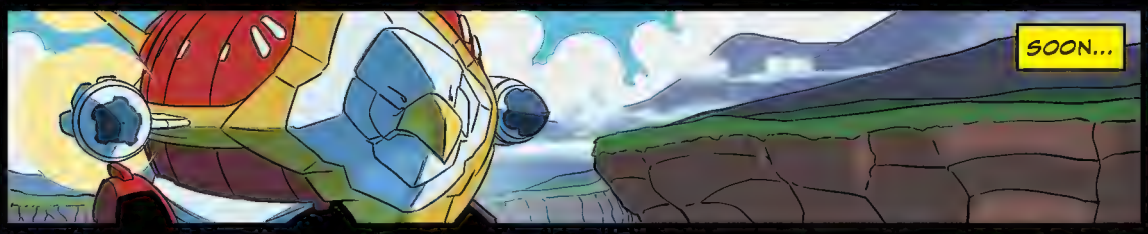
THAT LEAVES FIVE OF THE DEADLY SIX TO DEAL WITH. FORMIDABLE OPPONENTS ON THEIR OWN, BUT NOW EMPOWERED BY THE CHAOS EMERALDS...
SO? WE STILL HAVE EACH OTHER. WE'LL OVERWHELM THEM ONE AT A TIME.

ROUGE SAID THEY WERE ALL NETWORKED THROUGH THE FACESHIP, THOUGH. IF ONE MANAGES TO WARN THE OTHERS, THAT'S IT.
SO WE HAVE TO HIT THEM ALL AT ONCE. HMM...

THAT WON'T BE A PROBLEM. I CAN SCAVENGE MATERIALS FROM THE SHUTTLE AND USE THE WARP TOPAZ TO BUILD A MULTI-PORTAL GENERATOR.
WITH ROUGE AND ORBOT'S COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE, I CAN SEND YOU ALL TO YOUR EXACT TARGETS.
THAT'S NOT THE ONLY ISSUE, THOUGH. IT WOULD BE BETTER IF EVERYONE HAD A BACKUP IN CASE...
...Y'KNOW...

YEAH, I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH FIGHT I'VE GOT LEFT IN ME. AS SUPER SONIC I'LL BE FINE, BUT RIGHT NOW...?

I'VE GOT AN IDEA! LET ME MAKE A CALL!
"CALL?" WHO'S LEFT TO ASK FOR HELP?


SOON...

REALLY? YOU CALLED THE BABYLON ROGUES?
THEY'RE THIEVES AND THEY SPEND ALL DAY ON A BLIMP. WHO ELSE WOULD'VE AVOIDED THE PLAGUE AND WOULD BE PERFECT FOR STEALING CHAOS EMERALDS?

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! YOU'RE LOOKING MORE PATHETIC THAN EVER.
CHARMING AS EVER, JET. YOU GOING TO HELP US OR WHAT?
MAYBE. IF THE REWARD'S BIG ENOUGH.

JET, IF WE DON'T HELP THEM OUT, WHERE ARE WE GOING TO REFUEL? HOW ARE WE GOING TO EAT? WHO ARE WE GOING TO STEAL FROM?!
PEH. WE CAN FIGURE ALL THAT OUT WITHOUT STOOPING TO BEING GOODIE-GOODIES.

BACK OFF, WAVE. IF THE BOSS SAYS WE AIN'T GONNA DO IT, WE AIN'T GONNA DO IT!
THANKS, STORM.

...BUT I DO LIKE TO EAT.
GRRR

JET... I GET IT. YOU'VE GOT AN IMAGE TO MAINTAIN. YOUR OWN WAY OF DOING THINGS.
BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS I CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU. I *NEED* YOUR HELP, JET.

AND THE WORLD NEEDS THE *LEGENDARY WIND MASTER*.

WELL IF THAT'S THE CASE, WHO AM *I* TO DENY THE WORLD THEIR SAVIOR?
COME ON! TELL ME WHAT I CAN DO THAT SONIC *CAN'T!*

DON'T WORRY. I WON'T TELL KNUCKLES.
EH, MY EGO'S BEEN TAKING A BEATING FOR DAYS.
I NEED TO GO FOR A RUN, BUT I'LL BE BACK FOR DEPLOYMENT.

RIVERSIDE.
"HOPEFULLY WE CAN END THIS BEFORE IT GETS TOO MUCH WORSE..."
WOO-HA-HA-HA!
THAT'S RIGHT! TEAR IT ALL DOWN! LEAVE NOTHIN' STANDING!
OOH! TRYIN' TO HIDE? WELL TOO BAD! BEAT THE METAL VIRUS INTO 'EM!
THIS IS BARELY A SNACK!
VISTA VIEW.
I-IT'S ALL W-WE HAVE LEFT IN TOWN...
NO! WAIT! I CAN-- AHHH!
IT'S SIMPLE! I'M HUNGRY! FEED ME OR I FEED YOU TO THE ZOMBOTS!
NOW GET COOKIN'!

ORCHARDVILLE.
NOTHING ELSE QUITE PLEASES ME AS AN UNANSWERED MERCY PLEA
THE CRYING, SCREAMING, FRANTIC WAILS AS ALL LIGHT OF HOPE FLICKERS AND FAILS.
OOOH... A HEROIC FINAL STAND? HOW POINTLESS.
GATHER 'ROUND THEM, TAKE THE CHILDREN AWAY, HE WILL WATCH, THEY ALL SHALL PAY.
SUNSET CITY.
UGH--THIS IS ALL THIS TOWN HAS TO OFFER? IT WAS A WASTELAND BEFORE I EVEN GOT HERE.
YOU. WHY ISN'T THE SHOPPING HERE ANY BETTER?
I... UM... NOTHING CAN SUIT SOMEONE AS RADIANT AS YOU?
MMM--GOOD ANSWER! I'LL SPARE YOU FOR ANOTHER HOUR. AS FOR THE REST OF YOU...?
PRAISE ZEENA!

WINTERBURG.
FORWARD, MY MINIONS! LET NO HEARTBEAT GO UNNOTICED! LET NO WARM BREATH BE UNPUNISHED!
THE INVASION GOES WELL, ZAVOK. I CAN SEE THE VIRUS SPREADING THROUGH THE FORESTS BEYOND. I DARE SAY THIS CONTINENT WILL BE FULLY CONVERTED IN A FEW DAYS.
PROFICIENCY I COULD ONLY EXPECT FROM YOU, MASTER.
IS THERE MORE YOU CAN BE DOING?
I ASSURE YOU, I AM NOT RESTING ON MY LAURELS, MASTER. I WILL SEE TO IT WE'VE INFECTED EVERYTHING FROM COAST TO COAST BY TONIGHT...
"...TOMORROW-- THE WORLD!"
NEXT TIME: RETALIATION!

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Squad! The world?! Zavok's gone mad with power… Sonic and crew will have to find a cure quick if they don't want to be zombots! Thank you for joining **Ian Flynn**, **Adam Bryce Thomas**, **Matt Herms**, and **Shawn Lee** in "A Sudden Shift". Now, before Zavok takes over the world, check out this awesome comic by Sonic fan **JT Foster!**

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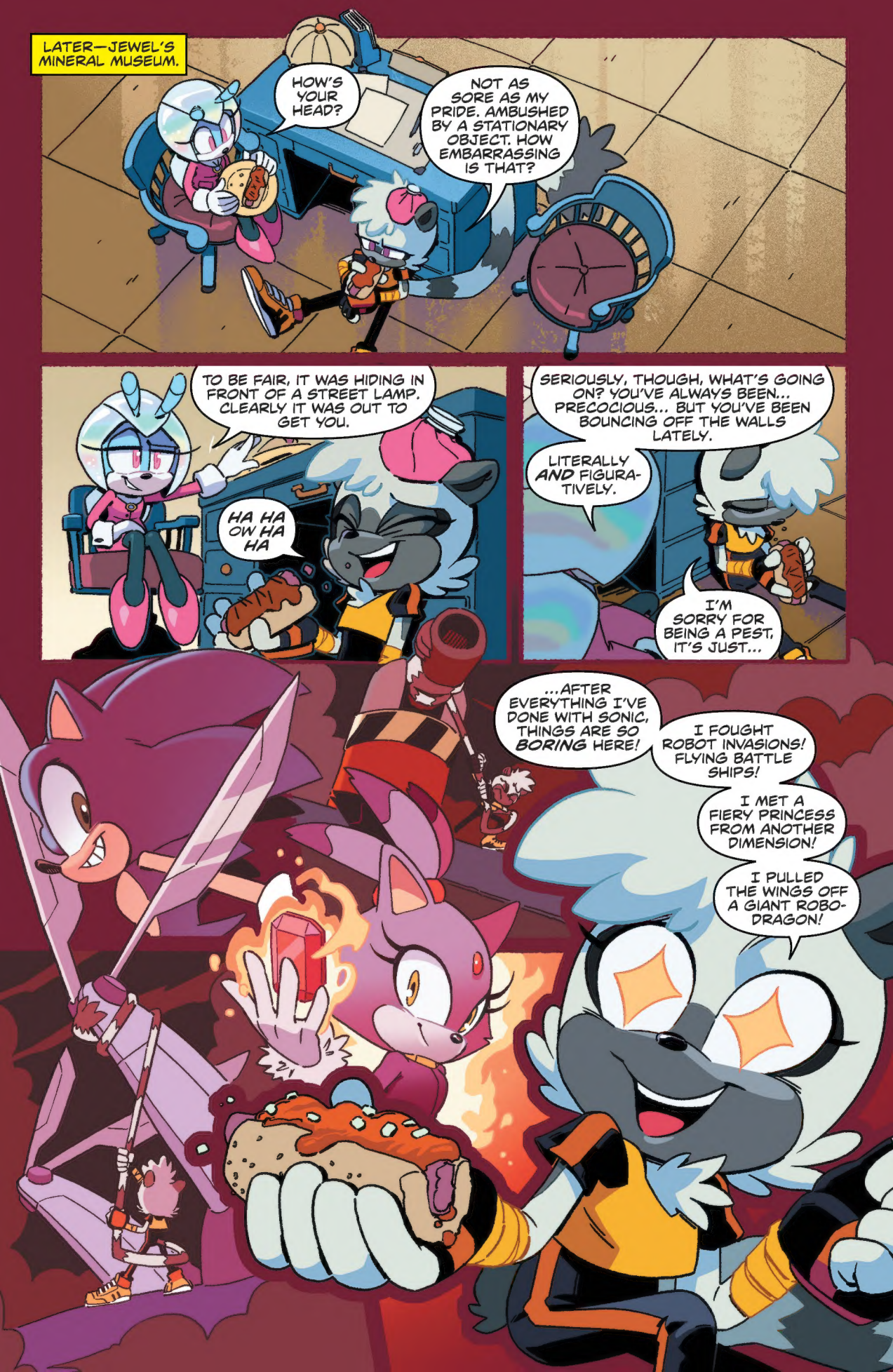
SPIRAL HILL VILLAGE.
C'MON EVERYONE! IT'S A GORGEOUS DAY!
RACE YA AROUND THE VILLAGE! ANYONE! EVERYONE!

TANGLE!
HEY-HEY, JEWEL! ABOUT TIME YOU GOT OUT OF THAT STUFFY OL' MUSEUM!
BECAUSE YOU NEARLY KNOCKED THE SIGN OFF FROM OVER MY DOOR. AND YOU'RE GOING TO RUN INTO SOMEBODY.
PSSHT! I'VE BEEN FLINGING MYSELF AROUND THESE STREETS SINCE WE WERE LITTLE.
I KNOW EVERY ROOFTOP, ALLEY, AND STREET CORNER LIKE THE BACK OF MY—
TANGLE.
HEYA, RON. A COUPLE OF CHILIDOGS TO GO...?
WHAM


LATER—JEWEL'S MINERAL MUSEUM.
HOW'S YOUR HEAD?
NOT AS SORE AS MY PRIDE. AMBUSHED BY A STATIONARY OBJECT. HOW EMBARRASSING IS THAT?
TO BE FAIR, IT WAS HIDING IN FRONT OF A STREET LAMP. CLEARLY IT WAS OUT TO GET YOU.
HA HA OW HA HA
SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN... PRECOCIOUS... BUT YOU'VE BEEN BOUNCING OFF THE WALLS LATELY.
LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY.
I'M SORRY FOR BEING A PEST, IT'S JUST...
...AFTER EVERYTHING I'VE DONE WITH SONIC, THINGS ARE SO BORING HERE!
I FOUGHT ROBOT INVASIONS! FLYING BATTLE SHIPS!
I MET A FIERY PRINCESS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION!
I PULLED THE WINGS OFF A GIANT ROBO-DRAGON!

AND I COME HOME TO PEACE AND QUIET. I CAN'T STAND IT.

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT. SO WHAT'S STOPPING YOU FROM BEING LIKE SONIC? GOING OUT THERE AND FINDING YOUR OWN ADVENTURES?

I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT. SURE, IT'S TEMPTING, BUT WHAT IF SOMETHING DOES HAPPEN HERE?
EGGMAN'S ROBOTS ATTACKED ONCE.*
IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN.
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AND IT'D BE THE FIRST TIME YOU'D BE FLYING SOLO. LONELY BEFORE YOU EVEN LEAVE?
THAT, AND NERVOUS. I WOULDN'T HAVE YOU TO WATCH MY BACK.
-INFO-

SPASH

PLEASE DON'T TELL ME THE BABYLON ROGUES CAME BACK!*
I'LL CHECK IT OUT! YOU HIDE AND TRY NOT TO LOOK EXPENSIVE—HAHA!
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